

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

TUESDAY

9:00 A.M.

MARCH 20, 2001

PRESENT:

**Jim Shaw, Chairman**  
**Pete Sferrazza, Vice Chairman**  
**Joanne Bond, Commissioner**  
**Jim Galloway, Commissioner**

**Nancy Parent, Chief Deputy County Clerk**  
**Katy Singlaub, County Manager**  
**Maureen Griswold, Legal Counsel**

ABSENT:

**Ted Short, Commissioner**

The Board met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

**01-241      WORK CARD PERMIT APPEAL – SHAWN W. COLEGROVE**

This appeal was considered on MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2001, prior to the Caucus meeting. The Board having convened in open session with Vice Chairman Sferrazza presiding as Chairman Shaw and Commissioner Short were not present at Caucus, to consider the appeal of SHAWN W. COLEGROVE from the Sheriff's denial of his permit application to work in the field of childcare as an Owner/Operator.

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, the Board convened in closed session to hear testimony as to why the work card should or should not be granted. The appellant and his wife, Cathy Lampher, were present to offer testimony during the closed session. Maurene Thomas, Chief Records Clerk of the Permits and Registration Department of the Sheriff's Office, read into the record an addition to her Confidential Memorandum to the Board regarding this denial. Alice LeDesma and Colette Imasaki from the Social Services Department were present and answered questions from the Board. The Board then reconvened in open session, and the following action was taken.

Having convened in OPEN SESSION, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Vice Chairman Sferrazza ordered that the appeal of Shawn W. Colegrove be continued until April 9, 2001 in order for the appellant to obtain a letter of affirmation from the parents of children in the

child care home stating they are aware of Mr. Colegrove's disqualifying convictions for the work card permit.

**01-242      AGENDA**

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the agenda for the March 20, 2001, meeting be approved with the following amendments: Delete Item 19, acceptance of the classification and compensation plan for Washoe County employees (the Hay Study), and Item 20, approval of maximum salary levels for certain positions in the Second Judicial District Court.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sam Dehne, local resident, provided his input on the Regional Plan update.

**MANAGER'S/COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Bond requested a progress report on the training center. Katy Singlaub, County Manager, advised updates have been scheduled on all the regional projects with the Sparks and Reno City Councils.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated he has received complaints about the food the County provides through a vendor contract to the senior citizens at the Silverado and requested that staff check into this.

**01-243      GENERAL, HEALTH, AND PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION FUNDS FINANCIAL REPORTS – JANUARY 31, 2001**

Upon recommendation of Kathy Garcia, Comptroller, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the General, Health and Public Works Construction Funds Financial Reports for the seven months ended January 31, 2001, (unaudited) be accepted.

**01-244      INCREASE REPORTING THRESHOLD ON CAPITAL ASSETS – COMPTROLLER**

Pursuant to discussion at Caucus, Katy Singlaub, County Manager, advised that this is an accounting issue; it does not change any of the Board's approval authority; and there are very rigid controls over the tracking of purchases and inventory. Maureen Griswold, Deputy District Attorney, stated the Board will have another opportunity to discuss this when the ordinance change is presented.

Upon recommendation of Kathy Garcia, Comptroller, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried,

Chairman Shaw ordered that increasing the threshold of capital assets from \$3,000 to \$10,000 for County assets, for financial reporting purposes only, be approved. It was further ordered that staff be directed to amend the Washoe County Fixed Asset Ordinance to reflect the change by bringing a new ordinance to the Board for future introduction/adoption (effective date will be retroactive to July 1, 2000). This change will have no impact on recording assets for inventory and insurance purposes.

**01-245            ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS – SOCIAL SERVICES**

Sharon Gibbons, Social Services, was present to respond to Board members' questions. Upon recommendation of Mike Capello, Social Services Director, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the following cash donations, totaling \$3,279.50, from individuals and businesses, to be used to assist children in emergency shelter care and families who are clients of Washoe County Department of Social Services, be accepted with the Board's gratitude:

- \$25 from Luke Franklin
- \$58 from Washoe MRI Imaging
- \$75 from the Lord of Mercy Lutheran Church
- \$80 from Residential Development Services
- \$150 from Carole Horan
- \$200 from RR Donnelley & Sons Company
- \$200 from Tom and Sharon Lewis
- \$250 from Classic Chevys of Reno
- \$269 from Sparks Greenbrae Lions Club
- \$400 from the Kiwanis Club of Reno on behalf of Don Lucas
- \$500 from Stewart Title of Northern Nevada
- \$572.50 from A and H Insurance, Inc.
- \$500 from the following Social Services' employees:

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| Bascom, Jennifer    | Gibbons, Sharon    | Myers, Kathy  |
| Basterrechea, Rosie | Henriques, Roberta | Nielson, Lisa |
| Brandt, Julie       | Herbert, Barbara   | White, Milly  |
| Capello, Mike       | Hughes, Carol      | Williams, Kay |
| Downs, Maggie       | Jarolimek, Hayley  |               |
| Durand, Jim         | Lucier, Michelle   |               |

**01-246            APPROVAL OF COPIER LEASE/RENTALS COUNTYWIDE – PURCHASING**

Upon recommendation of John Balentine, Purchasing and Contracts Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the Purchasing and Contracts Administrator be authorized to lease and/or rent copiers through the duration of the cur-

rent State of Nevada contracts which Washoe County has been utilizing for the lease/rental of copiers pursuant to the joinder provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes 332.195.

It was noted the State of Nevada currently has two contracts in place that involve the lease/rental of copiers or digital imaging systems, one with Xerox Corporation, valid through August 21, 2001, and the other with Sierra Office Solutions, valid through December 31, 2001, and that some lease/rentals will be in excess of \$25,000.

**01-247            BUDGET AMENDMENT - FY 2000/01 - AIDS PROGRAM - HEALTH**

Upon recommendation of Barbara Hunt, District Health Officer, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that an amendment to the District Health Department Fiscal Year 2000/01 Aids Program budget be approved and the following account transactions be authorized:

<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT OF INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</b>
002-1700-1712G2-4301	Federal Funds	(\$39,295)
002-1700-1712G2-7001	Salaries	(\$ 390)
-7140	Other Professional Services	( 55,000)
-7304	Advertising	1,200
-7375	Special Awards	2,500
002-1700-1712G4-7001	Salaries	12,395
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(\$39,295)</b>

**01-248            BUDGET AMENDMENT - FY 2000/01 – AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM - HEALTH**

Upon recommendation of Barbara Hunt, District Health Officer, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that an amendment to the District Health Department Fiscal Year 2000/01 Air Quality Management Program budget be approved and the following account transactions be authorized:

<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT OF INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</b>
002-1700-17230-7140	Other Professional Services	(\$17,500)
-7825	Misc. Special Equipment	\$17,500

**01-249            BUDGET AMENDMENT - FY 2000/01 – AIR QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM - HEALTH**

Upon recommendation of Barbara Hunt, District Health Officer, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that an amendment to the District Health Department Fiscal Year 2000/01 Air Quality Management Program budget be approved and the following account transactions for Carryover Program 1723G10 be authorized:

<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT OF INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</b>
002-1700-1723G10-4301	Federal Contributions	\$195,229
002-1700-1723G10-7140	Other Professional Services	\$173,229
-72051	Computers	7,000
-7849	Capital Outlay – Other	15,000
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$195,229</b>

**01-250            MONTHLY STATUS REPORT – WOLF RUN GOLF COURSE  
(GOLF VISION) – WATER RESOURCES**

Upon recommendation of John Collins, Manager, Utility Services Division, through Ed Schmidt, Director, Department of Water Resources, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the monthly status report regarding Wolf Run Golf Course (Golf Vision) reclaimed water service payment and usage be accepted.

**01-251            WATER RIGHTS DEED –GRANT F. AND MOLLYE F. LENEAX**

Upon recommendation of John Collins, Manager, Utility Services Manager, through Ed Schmidt, Water Resources Director, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following actions be taken regarding the Leneaux Division of Land Map creating one new parcel (APN 077-260-04):

1. The Water Rights Deed for 2.50 acre-feet of ground water rights from Permit 56929 between Grant F. and Mollye F. Leneaux, as Grantors, and Washoe County, as Grantee, be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute;
2. The Utility Services Division Manager be directed to record the Water Rights Deed with the County Recorder.

**01-252            HIGHWAY GRANT – UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY –  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Upon recommendation of James Gale, Senior Property Agent, through Dave Roundtree, Public Works Director, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Highway Grant between the County of Washoe and Union Pacific Railroad Company for relocation of a portion of South Verdi Road be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute on behalf of Washoe County. It was noted that Union Pacific Railroad has requested a one-time administrative fee of \$5,000 to cover their costs of research, engineering/surveying review, site investigation and preparation of legal documents.

**01-253            GREAT BASIN ADVENTURE SPRING FLING FEES – PARKS**

Upon recommendation of Kristy Lide, Parks and Recreation Department, through Karen Mullen, Parks and Recreation Director, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that a fee of \$4.00 per person for admission into the Great Basin Adventure during the Spring Fling Program, which includes admission to the Park for a two-hour block of time, unlimited log rides and one pony ride, be approved.

It was noted that the projected gross revenue for Spring Fling is \$19,200 and total expenses are estimated at \$6,600.

**01-254            INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION – HORSE CROSSING WARNING SIGN –  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Upon recommendation of Clara Lawson, Traffic Engineer, through Dave Price, County Engineer, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Washoe and the State of Nevada Department of Transportation concerning design and construction of a solar powered horse crossing warning system on SR 341, Geiger Grade, be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute on behalf of Washoe County. It was noted that NDOT will pay half, up to \$6,000, and Washoe County will pay the other half, up to \$6,000; and the County will maintain the unit at a cost of approximately \$150 per year.

**01-255            FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT – HIGH CASH  
PARTNERS – SOUTH RENO WIC CLINIC – GENERAL  
SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Upon recommendation of Tom Gadd, General Services Director, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the First Amendment to Shopping Center Lease Agreement between the County of Washoe and High Cash Partners, L.P., extending the lease of

storefront office space for operation of the Washoe County District Health Department South Reno WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Clinic commencing retroactive from February 1, 2001 through January 31, 2003, be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute on behalf of Washoe County.

**01-256            APPEARANCE – DENNIS BALAAM, WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF**

Sheriff Dennis Balaam, gave an overview of the Sheriff's Office using a Power Point presentation citing statistics concerning staffing of both sworn and civilian positions, concealed weapon permit applications, the annual budget, traffic accidents, DUI arrests, citations, and crimes. He stated that domestic violence cases and child neglect cases are down, and he credited special programs, such as Kids Korner, for that. Another pro-active special program that the local law enforcement agencies are conducting in cooperation with many other agencies is Seniors Corner. It was thought that safety would be the major concern of the seniors; however, they learned that medication and food were the seniors' biggest worries. They have been able to provide assistance to the seniors through St. Mary's Hospital and the Food Basket.

The Sheriff reported that construction of the Public Safety Training Center appears to be about two months behind schedule, but it should be completed by the end of the year. He also discussed the new Tiburon system and the problems they are experiencing getting everyone trained and getting the bugs worked out.

Sheriff Balaam reviewed operations of the Crime Lab, the Search and Rescue teams, the Civil Division, the Detention Bureau, etc. He stated the Civil Protective Custody building is under construction and should be complete in time for this year's Hot August Nights. The daily jail population is up. He then reviewed other programs in which the Sheriff's Office is in partnership with other law enforcement and service agencies to provide assistance to the citizens. The inmate work crews have provided over \$5,000,000 worth of labor to the local schools, parks, graffiti eradication, etc.

The Sheriff emphasized that their job is to make the community as safe as possible for everyone through public awareness and public education. He then answered several questions of Board members.

**01-257            RESOLUTION – AUGMENTING EQUIPMENT SERVICES FUND (069) – PURCHASE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT – GENERAL SERVICES**

Upon recommendation of Tom Gadd, General Services Director, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following Resolution to Augment the Equipment Services Fund (069) in the amount of \$470,699 for purchase of replacement vehicles and equipment be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute. It was further ordered that the Comptroller be directed to make the appropriate adjustments and that the pur-

chase of remaining replacement vehicles and heavy equipment be authorized in conjunction with the original replacement schedule:

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUGMENT EQUIPMENT SERVICES  
(FUND 069)**

**WHEREAS**, the Equipment Services Fund purchased vehicles and equipment in the 1999/2000 fiscal year, and the vehicles/equipment were not delivered and paid for until the current 2000/2001 fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division is in need of funding to restore its original purchasing authority to its full purchasing potential so as to complete its scheduled replacement of vehicles/equipment in the 2000/2001 fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Equipment Services Fund (069) has sufficient resources available from retained earnings to allow for appropriation authority adjustments necessary to fund these expenditures:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WASHOE IN THE STATE OF NEVADA:**

Section 1. That the budget of the Equipment Services Fund be augmented as follows:

	<u>Decrease Retained Earnings</u>	
069-3431	Retained Earnings	\$470,699
	<u>Increase Capital</u>	
6901-7851	Vehicles	\$231,729
6901-7852	Heavy Equipment	\$238,970

Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective on passage and approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 3. The County Clerk is hereby directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Comptroller's Office, Equipment Services, Manager's Office and the Finance Division.

**01-258      RESOLUTION – AUGMENTING EQUIPMENT SERVICES FUND  
(069) – HEAVY EQUIPMENT – GENERAL SERVICES**

Upon recommendation of Tom Gadd, General Services Director, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly

carried, it was ordered that the following Resolution to Augment the Equipment Services Fund (069) in the amount of \$553,450 for replacement of lease/buyback heavy equipment be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute. It was further ordered that the Comptroller be directed to make the appropriate adjustments and that Equipment Services be authorized, in conjunction with Purchasing, to proceed with lease/buyback contracting for replacement heavy equipment.

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUGMENT EQUIPMENT SERVICES  
(FUND 069)**

**WHEREAS**, on June 1, 1998, the Equipment Services Division entered into a three year agreement for the lease/buyback of thirteen pieces of heavy equipment, and

**WHEREAS**, the Division must return the existing thirteen pieces of heavy equipment on June 1, 2001, and

**WHEREAS**, the Division is in need of funding to replace these pieces of leased heavy equipment plus one additional piece of older high maintenance owned equipment for a total of fourteen pieces of heavy equipment through a program of lease/buyback, and

**WHEREAS**, the Equipment Services Fund (069) has sufficient resources available from retained earnings to allow for appropriation authority adjustments necessary to fund these expenditures:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WASHOE IN THE STATE OF NEVADA:**

Section 1. That the budget of the Equipment Services Fund be augmented as follows:

	<u>Decrease Retained Earnings</u>	
069-3431	Retained Earnings	\$553,450
	<u>Increase Capital</u>	
6903-7341	Lease Equipment	\$553,450

Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective on passage and approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 3. The County Clerk is hereby directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Comptroller's Office, Equipment Services, Manager's Office and the Finance Division.

**01-259            AGREEMENT – SIERRA ENERGY COMPANY (dba e3) –  
ENERGY CONSERVATION RETROFITS – GENERAL SERVICES**

Commissioner Sferrazza had requested information at Caucus concerning a breakdown of how much e3 will be paid for this project. Tom Gadd, General Services Director, stated e3's percentage is about 15 percent for their overhead and profit on the construction portion. Commissioner Sferrazza stated the County will be paying e3 to do capital projects and paying them a percentage of the savings without going through the competitive bid process. Mr. Gadd stated there is a special statute governing energy retrofits that allows the County to select a contractor, and staff has compared e3's pricing with other contractors and does believe the cost is competitive. He pointed out that there is a guaranteed savings over time.

Tex Barrett, Director of Sales for e3, provided more detail on their pricing and guarantee. Commissioner Sferrazza expressed a concern about the chiller and asked him if they would disclose the costs of the equipment. Mr. Barrett stated they do have the breakdown of the equipment cost per energy conservation measurement.

Following further discussion, upon recommendation of Tom Gadd, General Services Director, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Guaranteed Energy Services Agreement between the County of Washoe and Sierra Energy Company, dba e3, be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute. It was further ordered that the General Services Department be authorized to execute incremental payments and contract administration for e3 to perform energy conservation retrofits to the Sheriff's Office and Detention Center, Administration Complex and Reno Central Library; and that the Comptroller be directed to make the following budget transfers:

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	DECREASE	INCREASE
920260-7879	Longley Office Building, Engineering Design	\$300,000	
1620-7881	Infrastructure Preservation/Other Constructions Costs	\$500,000	
920265-78801	Energy Conservation Retrofit, Project Contracts		\$800,000

**01-260            APPEARANCE - KATHERINE COLE, PRESIDENT, MARKETEC**

Katherine Cole, President, MarkeTec, Inc., reviewed the results of the Financial Issues Survey using a Power Point presentation displaying many charts and graphs on the overhead. She explained the objectives of the survey and the methodology used to gather information, as well as the actual questions the interviewers asked of the

residents. She then reviewed the charts showing the results of the responses to the questions going page-by-page through the report, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. Board members had several questions and asked for additional information.

Following discussion, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that receipt of the report on the results of the Financial Issues Survey be accepted.

**01-261            LEASE AGREEMENT – WELLS FARGO BANK NEVADA, N.A. – OFFICE SPACE – FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION**

Upon recommendation of Tom Gadd, General Services Director, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Lease agreement between the County of Washoe (Lessee) and Wells Fargo Bank Nevada, N.A., a national banking association, (Lessor) concerning lease of office space for 48 months (April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2005) at 1 California to be used by the District Attorney Family Support Division, be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute.

**01-262            UNBUDGETED CAPITAL OUTLAY – DISTRICT ATTORNEY – RELOCATE FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION**

Upon recommendation of Richard Gammick, District Attorney, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the Washoe County District Attorney Family Support Division be authorized to expend capital outlay in the below referenced accounts in an amount not to exceed \$366,000 to relocate operations to 1 California and for office furniture for the Division.

Decrease	1063G-70021 Pooled Positions	\$ 26,000
Decrease	1063G-7003 Overtime	\$ 50,000
Decrease	1063G-7036 Contractual Wages	\$270,000
Decrease	1063G-7340 Lease Building	\$ 20,000
Increase	1063G-7800 Capital Outlay	\$366,000

**01-263            ALTURAS MITIGATION FUNDS – RELEASE AUTHORIZED – GRANDVIEW TERRACE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

Upon recommendation of Bob Webb, Planning Manager, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the release of Alturas power line mitigation funds to the Grandview Terrace Water Company (GID) for the previously approved GID water system improvements project be authorized.

**01-264            BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT – “2001 PARK, OPEN SPACE AND LIBRARY BOND ORDINANCE”**

Chairman Shaw asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak concerning this item. There was no response.

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the Board of County Commissioners hereby determines that the Ordinance designated by the short title “2001 Park, Open Space and Library Bond Ordinance” (to be adopted on this date after adoption of this motion) does not impose a direct or significant economic burden upon a business and does not directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a business.

**01-265            BILL NO. 1290, ORDINANCE NO. 1114 – “2001 PARK, OPEN SPACE AND LIBRARY BOND ORDINANCE”**

Commissioner Sferrazza and John Sherman, Finance Director, discussed the differences in amortization schedules for 20-, 25-, and 30-year bonds. Mr. Sherman referenced the actual ballot question and explained that the \$38-million approved by the voters is going to be issued in two separate bond issuances, one now for \$23-million, and the remaining \$15-million in two years. He stated his concern is not knowing what the interest rates will be in two years and going less than 30 years on this issuance could have an impact on that second issuance.

Commissioner Galloway stated interest rates are much lower now than when the voters approved this bond and he requested that the bonds mature in 25 years. Commissioner Sferrazza asked if the motion to adopt the ordinance can include direction to staff that the bonds will be paid off in the shortest number of years consistent with the representation made to the public concerning the annual tax rate. Mr. Sherman suggested that he come back to the Board when it is time to go to market to sell the bonds at which time he would be able to provide more definitive information concerning interest rates for the Board to make a decision.

Following further discussion, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that Bill No. 1290, Ordinance No. 1114, entitled “AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATED AS THE ‘2001 PARK, OPEN SPACE AND LIBRARY BOND ORDINANCE’; DELEGATING TO THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THE COUNTY THE AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT THE BOND PURCHASE PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA, GENERAL OBLIGATION (LIMITED TAX) PARK, OPEN SPACE AND LIBRARY BONDS, SERIES 2001; SPECIFYING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH BONDS AND THEIR FORM; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION AS IF AN EMERGENCY EXISTS AND PROVIDING OTHER DETAILS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; PROVIDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF”

be approved, adopted as if an emergency exists, and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that staff be directed to issue the bonds at the shortest term which is consistent with the representation made to the public for the tax rates.

**01-266            SALARY SCHEDULE FOR SEASONAL PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES**

Upon recommendation of Karen Mullen, Parks and Recreation Director, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the salary schedule for Seasonal Parks and Recreation Department employees, as placed on file with the Clerk, effective March 20, 2001, be approved. It was further ordered that the Finance Department be directed to include seasonal staffing increases in the 2001-02 Parks Department budget in accordance with Exhibit "C" attached to the agenda memorandum and also placed on file with the Clerk.

**01-267            2001-2002 HOME CONSORTIUM FUNDING**

Mike Harper, Planning Manager, Department of Community Development, advised that Washoe County's pro-rata share of HOME Consortium funds for distribution for 2001-2002 is \$406,450 and that the Board can self-direct any or all of the monies to specific projects. He reviewed the six projects that submitted requests for funding to the Technical Review Committee (TRC), the committee's recommendations, and the self-funding priorities of the City of Reno and City of Sparks. Mr. Harper stated staff has also received two applications for self-directed funding, one from Accessible Space, Inc. for the 430 Linden Street Project, and the other from the City of Reno Housing Authority for FY01 Homeownership Subdivision, and he described the proposed projects. He further advised that staff also received a late request for funding from Christmas in April for their Housing Revitalization Loan Program.

Commissioner Sferrazza expressed a concern that there have been no neighborhood notifications of any of these proposed projects and stated he believes that should be a part of the public hearing. Mr. Harper stated he would bring that up before the TRC and ask that they consider changing the process. Katy Singlaub, County Manager, advised the funding process and the permitting process are separate issues, and funds have been returned in the past because a project was not able to get the needed permits. She further stated having the actual project approved or permitted before granting funds would be an excellent idea.

Commissioner Bond noted that the Lighthouse of the Sierra project was approved by the area Citizen Advisory Board, is currently under construction, and has

run into a soils problem. She requested that her fellow Board members consider that request for additional funding.

Mr. Harper reviewed the procedure and stated, if the Board wishes to self-direct any funds, they should first identify their general priorities, i.e., new construction of affordable units or rehabilitation of existing homes, as a basis. If the Commissioners do not wish to self-direct any funds, the funds will go back to the TRC for their distribution.

Commissioner Galloway stated the cost-benefit ratio of new homes versus rehabilitation should be considered. He stated at Incline Village, rehabilitation of existing units would have a much better cost-benefit ratio, and he believes the County should self-direct some funding for rehabilitation in the Incline Village/Crystal Bay area each year to show good will with the TRPA.

Commissioner Bond stated these requests have to be considered on a case-by-case basis, but she believes rehabilitation projects enhance the community and have positive impacts on existing situations. Chairman Shaw agreed.

Bertha Mullins, Commissioner for the Reno Housing Authority, described their proposed project of constructing 15 single-family homes on large lots in Horizon Hills and requested the Board consider their request for self-directed funds. The TRC did not recommend funding for this project.

Kari Demetras, Executive Director of Step 2, representing Lighthouse of the Sierra, thanked the Board for their past support of this project and explained they are requesting \$114,550 in additional funds above their original request to cover an unanticipated gap in their funding caused by soils problems on the site.

Mike Ramos, Accessible Space, Inc., representing the 430 Linden Street project, suggested the Board consider establishing a priority for "special needs" housing. He described their project and stated it will be for people with disabilities who are at or below 50 percent of the median income. Commissioner Bond requested additional information concerning other properties owned by this company and whether they have sold any properties. Mr. Ramos stated he did not have that information, but would be glad to get it for Commissioner Bond.

Mr. Harper stated the only funding request for a rehabilitation project is the one from Christmas in April. All six proposals submitted to the TRC are for new construction projects. Mr. Harper explained the various options available to the Board. The Board deliberated at length concerning the projects and expressed that their general priority would be rehabilitation of existing homes.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Sferazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that:

1. Washoe County's portion of the fiscal year 2001-2002 HOME Consortium funds be allocated as follows:
  - a. \$114,550 be self-directed to the Lighthouse of the Sierra project.
  - b. \$100,000 be self-directed to the 430 Linden Street project.
  - c. The remaining \$191,850 be allocated by the TRC based on Washoe County's established priority that the funds be used for rehabilitation projects, and further, that it is the desire of the Commission that \$100,000 be targeted for projects in the Truckee Meadows area and \$91,850 be targeted for projects in the Incline Village/Crystal Bay area.
2. The Washoe County HOME Consortium (WCHC) be directed to solicit applications for rehabilitation projects in the target areas.
3. Staff and the WCHC be directed to consider a public process for the next round of funding, including CAB and neighborhood notifications of proposed projects seeking funds.
4. Staff be directed to draft resolutions for the monetary grants to Lighthouse of the Sierra and 430 Linden Street for future adoption by the Board.

**01-268      LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Joan Lambert, Legislative Lobbyist, was present. The following bills were discussed:

AB239 – Allows imposition of additional fees on certain court filings to offset costs of providing legal services to abused/neglected children, etc. Ms. Lambert stated the District Attorney's staff is requesting the Board support the bill with an amendment exempting child support orders. Commissioner Galloway argued that this is a hidden tax targeted at only certain people. Mike Capello, Director, Social Services Department, explained the bill only authorizes the Boards of County Commissioners to decide whether they want to raise the filing fees; it does not require the fees be raised. Board members had several questions concerning what the current filing fees are and how they are used and a breakdown of the new fees. They also wanted to know where the small counties stand on this legislation. The Board's position on AB239 was neutral at this time due to disagreement among Board members and the need for additional information.

AB334 – Safety of carnival rides. After Ms. Lambert explained the proposed legislation, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, the Board voted to support this bill.

AB256 – Increasing annual salaries of elected officials. On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, the Board voted to support AB256.

SB299 – Increasing the number of Trustees on the Airport Authority of Washoe County. Ms. Lambert explained that the Airport Authority Board of Trustees currently has 8 members, which results in tie votes. This proposal increases the membership to 9 with the 9th member being appointed by the RSCVA. The bill also outlines experience needed to be appointed to the Board and limits the appointing authority's removal powers. On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, the Board voted to oppose SB299.

SB302 – Concerning indigent care and hospitals' disproportionate share of low-income patients. Mr. Capello reported that an interim committee studied the distribution of the DSH (Disproportionate Share) payment and recommended that Washoe County continue the practice it has been following since 1991, which is that Washoe Medical Center receive the DSH payment because they serve the disproportionately high share of Medicaid patients. SB302 was introduced with the intention of changing the distribution in Clark County. Staff is proposing to amend SB302 to make sure Washoe County is exempted. On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, the Board voted to support an amendment to SB302 that exempts Washoe County from the legislation.

SB334 – Tri-County Railway Commission. On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, the Board voted to support SB334.

### **MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, reported that staff has just received information that the USEPA (Environmental Protection Agency) has withdrawn the new arsenic rule.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

The following communications and reports were received, duly noted, and ordered placed on file with the Clerk:

#### **01-269 COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Carbon copy of notice from Pacific Bell notifying California Public Utilities Commission that they have obtained all requisite land use approval for project.
- B. Copy of signed agreement between Washoe County and Sierra Arts for Gallery Curator services in the Northwest Reno Library.

- C. Copy of memo outlining operations of the fire department.
- D. Letter from the City of Sparks regarding their intent to annex land into the City of Sparks.
- E. Letter from Nevada Department of Transportation advising that Contract No. 3049, McCarran Boulevard, has been executed and approved.
- F. Grant Award – A.I.M./Sagewind for July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001. (See BCC Item 00-692.)

**01-270            REPORTS - MONTHLY (JANUARY 2001)**

- A. Animal Control
- B. County Clerk
- C. Court Clerk
- D. Department of Social Services
- E. Treasurer

**01-271            REPORTS - QUARTERLY – (2000-2001))**

- A. Grand View Terrace GID, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, Oct-Nov-Dec, 2000
- B. Sheriff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 2000
- C. Verdi Television District, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 2000
- D. Washoe County School District, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 2000

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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**JAMES M. SHAW**, Chairman  
Washoe County Commission

**ATTEST:**    **AMY HARVEY**, County Clerk

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*Minutes Prepared by  
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Deputy County Clerk*

